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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on May 20, 2003, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.